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SUBJECT: EC COMMISSION PROPOSAL TO TAX VEGETABLE FATS AND OILS

REFERENCE: (A) STATE 200350; (B) STATE 170962;
(C) USEC BRUSSELS 11860

1. EMBOFF CALLED ON COUNSELOR FUXA, CHIEF OF EC
AND GATT AFFAIRS OFFICE IN MFA, TO REMIND HIM OF
STRONG U.S. OPPOSITION TO PROPOSED TAX, DRAWING
ON POINTS MADE IN REFS (B) AND (C). FUXA RESPONDED
THAT ITALY IS IN A SPECIAL POSITION AS ITS DOWES NOT
HAVE A DAIRY SURPLUS. HE SAID HE EXPECTED
FATS AND OILS TAX PROPOSAL WILL BE DEFEATED, BUT
THAT POWERFUL DOMESTIC INTERESTS PREVENT GOI
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FROM OPPOSING MEASURE. FUXA REMARKED, ON A
CONFIDENTIAL BASIS, THAT GOI MINSTRIES OF
INDUSTRY AND AGRICULTURE WERE ON OPPOSITE SIDES
OF THE FENCE ON THIS ISSUE. HE INDICATED THAT A
RECENT MEETING HAD FAILED TO RECONCILE DIFFERING
NIEWS AND THAT, THEREFORE, GOI REPS WILL SAY AS

LITTLE AS POSSIBLE ON SUBJECT AT AGRICULTURAL
COUNCIL MEETING. NEVERTHELESS, HE WOULD NOT SAY
GOI REPS WOULD REFRAIN FROM SUPPORTING TAX. IN
CONCLUSION, FUXA PROMISED TO CONVEY POINTS MADE
BY EMBOFF TO THE OTHER TWO MINISTRIES.

2. AS REPORTED IN ROME 19949, EMBASSY RAISED
ISSUE WITH AGRICULTURE MINISTRY SENIOR OFFICAL
(MORONI) DECEMBER 6. BEAUDRY

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